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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS BL

SUBJ: REPORTED ASYLUM OF BOLIVIAN AIR FORCE OFFICERS IN  
PARAGUAYAN EMBASSY

REF: LA PAZ 5364

1. REPORT RECEIVED BY EMBASSY THAT 8 TO 10 BOLIVIAN AIR  
FORCE OFFICERS HAD TAKEN REFUGE IN PARAGUAYAN EMBASSY  
WITH VIEW TO SEEKING ASYLUM EVIDENTLY FALSE. AT TIME OUR  
MESSAGE SENT WE WERE UNABLE TO CONTACT PARAGUAYAN EMBASSY FOR  
CONFIRMATION BUT CHARGE TALKED TO PARAGUAYAN AMBASSADOR  
LATER IN THE EVENING AND DISCOVERED THAT NO ONE HAD SOUGHT  
ASYLUM.

2. PRESS THIS MORNING REFERS TO "PERSISTENT RUMORS" BEING  
TRADED YESTERDAY CONCERNING THIS ALLEGED EPISODE, BUT ALSO NOTES  
THAT A REPORTER'S CONTACT WITH PARAGUAYAN AMBASSADOR HAD  
PRODUCED SAME INFORMATION OBTAINED BY CHARGE.

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3. RUMORS PROBABLY STARTED AS RESULT OF INVESTIGATION NOW

UNDERWAY BY ARMED FORCES AND MINISTRY OF INTERIOR INTO THE VALVERDE COUP ATTEMPT AUGUST 18. SEVERAL MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PEOPLE HAVE BEEN CALLED TO TESTIFY IN THIS MATTER, INCLUDING LT. COL. HUGO MONOZ (REFTEL) AND GENERAL ALVAREZ OBREGON, EIGHTH DIVISION COMMANDER (SANTA CRUZ). IN PRESS INTERVIEW, CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL SANCHEZ SAID THESE OFFICERS NOT UNDER ARREST OR DETENTION, BUT ARE "PRESTANDO SUS DECLARACIONES" BEFORE THE APPROPRIATE MILITARY AUTHORITIES. INASMUCH AS PREVIOUS REPORTS INDICATE THAT THESE OFFICERS PROBABLY HEAVILY IMPLICATED IN COUP PLOTTING, THE RUMOR THAT MONOZ AND A FEW FOLLOWERS HAD SOUGHT POLITICAL ASYLUM WAS EASILY CREDIBLE.  
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